



HARNHAM INFANT SCHOOL

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Term 1 seems to be in full swing now. Everybody is settling well in their new year groups, classes and routines. This week, each class has created their own 'class charter' where the children have talked about their different rights e.g. a right to an education. This has then led to discussions around having responsibilities to protect those rights so that everyone can achieve the best that they can. These are powerful conversations that allow children to take ownership of their own learning behaviours and in supporting their friends too.

Blogs

Please do make sure you check your child's seesaw account for an update from the class teacher. This will include key learning from the week, some photographs and some ideas of things that you can do at home too. If you are struggling to access Seesaw, please do let us know.

Menu for week beginning 18th September:

Monday	Sausage Roll with Diced Potatoes or Vegetable Lasagne Dessert: Ice Cream
Tuesday	Chicken Nuggets with Wedges or Tomato Pasta Dessert: Chocolate Cookie
Wednesday	Bubble Salmon or Pizza with Diced Potatoes Dessert: Orange and Strawberry Jelly
Thursday	Roast Pork or Veg Goujons with Yorkshire Pud, Potatoes and Veg Dessert: Lemon Cake
Friday	Fish and Chips or Cheese and Tomato Quesadilla Dessert: Love Cake

Calm Minds...Happy Hearts

As you know, Harnham Infant School is committed to developing the whole child. We have extended our 'offer' this year to include sessions with Kate Drennan from Calm Minds, Happy Hearts. Kate is a qualified Relax Kids practitioner and will be covering each class on a rotational basis to teach children strategies for looking after their wellbeing. In time, Kate is hoping to run a session in school for parents to come along to gain some hints and tips of how you can support your children at home if they are struggling with low self-esteem or anxiety, for example. Please look out for more information over the coming weeks.

Volunteering in school

Each year, we love to welcome parent, grandparent and community volunteers in to school to support our children. This year is no exception. Please look out for a letter in your inbox giving details about how you can become a volunteer in school. There will be a process that we will need to go through before you are able to come in e.g., attending some Safeguarding training, obtaining a DBS check and submitting references. A letter will be sent out next week.

Celebration Assembly invites

Each Friday at 2.25pm, we are holding our Celebration Assembly. One child from each class will be invited onto the celebration bench to receive an award from their class teacher. Parents are invited to come and be part of these assemblies. Invitations are sent out on a Friday a week before the assembly via email so do make sure you look out for this. We are looking forward to our first Celebration Assembly on Friday 22nd September.

School Council

At Harnham Infant School, it is really important to us that our children have opportunities to have their say and share their ideas about the running of our school and for them to work collaboratively with the adults to help develop their school. We also want to create the space to raise issues that are important to them, for example, how we as a school work towards looking after our environment or supporting a local charity that the children feel passionate about. There will be two representatives from each class who will be voted for by their peers and they will meet during some lunch times with Mrs Thom. These children will also be working closely with her on our 'Rights Respecting' journey which you will find out more about in the coming weeks.

Message from the School Office

Please may parents refrain from sitting on the steps outside the front of school? It blocks the entrance to the front office, which other parents and staff need to use at all times. Thank you for your support with this.

Gardening Club

Some of the produce from the school's gardening club will be put out at the front of school for you to take home in exchange for a donation. Any money raised will be used to purchase seeds and compost for the next season's growers. Thank you for your support.

Parent Calendar

The teachers have been busy planning and compiling a calendar of events for the children for the year. This is being made into a parent calendar that will be sent home for you soon to put the dates in your diaries.

Mornings

Please do not allow your children to run around in the mornings when waiting on the playground to come in to school. Children should wait with their parents please. Thank you for your support with this.

Mobile phones

Just a reminder that we are a mobile phone free site. You will notice that at the end of the day, we will not release your child to you if you are talking, playing or looking at your phone. Besides this being a safeguarding risk, this is also because research shows that one of the most important times in a child's day is the minutes following being picked up from school. Please use this time to engage and interact with your child, perhaps asking them about their day and their learning.



Pupil Premium Grant – does your family qualify?

Is your family in receipt of one of the following benefits?

- Income Support
- Job Seeker's Allowance (income-based)
- Employment and Support Allowance (income-related)
- support under part six of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- the Guarantee element of State Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit - providing you are NOT entitled to Working Tax Credit and your family's annual income (as assessed by HMRC) is not more than £16,190 (as at 6 April 2012)
- Working Tax Credit 'run-on' - the payment you may receive for a further four weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit (provided you have an annual net earned income of no more than £7,400, as assessed by earnings from up to three of your most recent assessment periods)

If so, please apply for the Pupil Premium Grant (confusingly also known as Free School Meals; but has no impact on every child receiving a free school meal at Infant School). The school will then receive a ring-fenced pot of money to support your child. This means we can pay for things like uniform, school trips, clubs, offer financial support for lunches in the school holidays and other activities too.

You can apply online by clicking this link:

<https://parentportal.wiltshire.gov.uk/web/portal/pages/parents/free-school-meals>

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to get in touch with our Pupil Premium Lead, Mrs Pike; lpike@harnham-inf.wilts.sch.uk

Parent Support Advisor:

Chris Lister is the Parent Support Advisor for Harnham Infants, and many families benefit from her expertise, support and advice. She can help parents with all sorts of things including difficulties with behaviour, financial matters, family breakdown and bereavement. Chris is also happy for you to get in touch if you're worried or concerned about any school related matters.



You can contact her by email psa@harnham-inf.wilts.sch.uk or by telephone 07595217569

Non Uniform Day – next Friday

Just a reminder that we are having a non-uniform day in exchange for chocolate prizes for the HSA chocolate bingo event.



• FRIDAY 22ND SEPTEMBER 2023 •

**NON SCHOOL
UNIFORM
DAY**

PLEASE BRING IN A CHOCOLATE ITEM TO
DONATE TO THE CHOCOLATE BINGO NIGHT

This could be a single bar or a box of chocolates, whatever you can spare, **BUT IT MUST BE NUT FREE**. Dairy free items welcomed too!

  

Dates for your diaries:

In the next week or so, a full calendar of events for the academic year will be sent out giving as much notice for as many dates as possible. In the meantime, here are some important things coming up over the next few weeks:

Whole School	
22.9.23	Non-Uniform Day – please bring in some chocolate. See poster above.
29.9.23	Rights Respecting Schools Day – further information to follow
29.9.23	HSA Chocolate Bingo – family event. See poster below for details.
EYFS	
26.9.23, 3.30pm	Meet the teacher
10.10.23, 2.15pm	Stay and... play!
Year 1	
13.10.23, 9.15am	Stay and... explore!
Year 2	
27.9.23, 9.15am	Stay and... Be an Eco-Warrior!

Chocolate Bingo Event

Details about how to book your tickets to this event will be sent out early next week!



EVERYONE IS WELCOME AT THIS FAMILY FUN-RAISER

CHOCOLATE BINGO!

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• **FRIDAY 29TH SEPTEMBER 2023** •
HARNHAM JUNIOR SCHOOL
DOORS OPEN 5.45pm | EYES DOWN AT 6.15pm | BINGO ENDS 8.30pm

£3 per person – includes a Bingo Book (6 games)
additional Bingo Books may be purchased on the night

PRE-BOOKING ONLY – LIMITED TICKETS AVAILABLE!
BOOK EARLY VIA THE SCHOOLS PAYMENT APPS!
Please only book via one school payment app for your entire family

CASH ONLY!
SO DON'T FORGET YOUR COINS!

BAR & TUCK SHOP AVAILABLE
SERVING ALCOHOLIC & SOFT DRINKS AND SNACKS
YOU ARE WELCOME TO BRING YOUR OWN FOOD BUT WE HAVE A ZERO NUTS POLICY

WE NEED YOUR CHOCOLATE DONATIONS PLEASE!
Both schools will be holding a non school uniform day on Friday 22nd September in exchange for a chocolate item – this could be a single bar or a box of chocolates, whatever you can spare, **BUT IT MUST BE NUT FREE**. Dairy free items welcomed too!
*We will hopefully be able to offer cashless payments on the night, but there is no guarantee



For the attention of all parents

Will your child be transferring
to a secondary school in
September 2024?

You must apply for a secondary school place

Apply online at **wiltshire.gov.uk** or
complete an application form, available at
all Wiltshire Council offices.

The deadline for applications is

12 midnight, 31 October 2023

All forms must be returned to the school admissions
team at County Hall, Trowbridge, Wiltshire.

Contact customer services on **01225 713010**

For more information or to request our guide
to finding a secondary school place in Wiltshire.

Wiltshire Council

Stagecoach Salisbury:

FREE combined singing, dancing and acting classes for 4-6 year olds this Saturday in Salisbury! Stagecoach Salisbury are delighted to invite you to come along and have a go at one of our 90 minute performing arts classes. To enrol, head to www.stagecoach.co.uk/salisbury and click on the FREE TASTER SESSIONS tab. For more information please contact Kristie on 07842 944 697 or visit our website www.stagecoach.co.uk/Salisbury



SALISBURY & AMESBURY

FREE TASTER SESSION!

AGES 4-6 YEARS

SATURDAY 16TH SEPTEMBER

11.15AM-12.45PM
OR
1.45PM-3.15PM

Students can come for FREE and try out a session at Stagecoach!

@ Greentrees Junior School



To register your child/ren aged 4-6yrs on our FREE TASTER SESSIONS of combined singing, dancing and acting , visit www.stagecoach.co.uk/salisbury and head to the tab FREE TASTER SESSION or text /call 07842 944 697

BOOKING IS REQUIRED AND LIMITED SPACES AVAILABLE